

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1-5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (original) An arrangement for producing an encased, elongated foodstuff, in particular sausages (5), from a casing (1) containing foodstuff, characterized in that a self-constricting element (3) is assigned to the casing (1) at predetermined intervals for achieving a separating point (2).

Claim 7 (original) The arrangement as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the self-constricting element is a rubber ring.

Claim 8 (original) The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the rubber ring is pushed onto the casing (1).

Claim 9 (original) The arrangement as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the self-constricting element is an open or closed ring (3) made of a shrinkable material, in particular plastic.

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Claim 10 (original) The arrangement as claimed in claim 9,  
characterized in that the ring or partial ring is pushed onto the  
casing (1) or is part of the casing wall.

Claim 11 (previously presented) The arrangement as claimed in  
claim 9, characterized in that a heat source (4) is assigned to  
the casing (1).